

Snappy Basketball Is Played By Teams of Southwest For Championship

FAST BASKETBALL IS PLAYED IN OPENING OF FEDERATION GAMES

Teams From Las Vegas, Silver City, Alamogordo and Bisbee Are Competing With El Paso Quintet For the Championship of the Southwest at the Y. M. C. A. and C. A. A. Gymnasiums.

Fast basketball was in evidence at the opening of the Southwestern Amateur Athletic federation meet at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday afternoon. The first game of the program was between the 22d Infantry team, picked from company H of that regiment, and the Cactus club. The soldiers won by a score of 27 to 16. They were bigger and faster than their opponents and showed better team work. The Infantry team was composed of Martin and McEachin, forwards; Hall and Erickson, center; Rasmussen and Daur, guards; Snyder, center; Ross and Hunt, guards. The points made for the soldiers were: Martin, 22; McEachin, 2; Erickson, 2; Daur, 2; Hall, 4. Total, 31.

Points made for the Cactus club: Snyder, 7; Ross, 4; Hall, 5. Total, 16. In the second game, the El Paso Y. M. C. A. team ran away with the Las Vegas, N. M., team although the latter team was game from start to finish. The score was 48 to 17. The local boys had the best of it in weight, height and strength and they played a rougher game.

The El Paso team was composed of D. Bowman and Evans, forwards; C. Bowman, center; Thomas and Done, guards. The Las Vegas team was composed of White and Kogler, forwards; Stewart, center; Larrazola and Gilescos, guards.

The points made for the El Paso team were: C. Bowman, 18; D. Bowman, 16; Evans, 14; Done, 8. Total, 48. Points made for Las Vegas were: Kogler, 11; Gilescos, 2; Stewart, 2; White, 2. Total, 17. Mitchell refereed the first game and Thomas the second.

Las Vegas Wins From Soldiers. Clever handling and quick team work on the part of the New Mexicans enabled the Las Vegas Normal quintet to defeat the squad representing Company H, 22d Infantry in the third game of the federation series at the Y. M. C. A. gym by the score of 29 to 23. The game was fast and clean throughout, the teams being well matched in weight and height. Following are the lineups: Las Vegas club, White and Kogler,

forwards; Stewart, center; Larrazola and Gilescos, guards. Soldiers, Martin and Huff, forwards; Erickson, center; Rasmussen and Downing, guards; Hall and Daur, substitute, forwards. Point makers, soldiers, Huff, 14; Martin, 10; Erickson, 2. Las Vegas, Kogler, 10; White, 4; Stewart, 4. Referee, Mitchell.

Cactus Club Loses to Y. M. C. A. The Y. M. C. A. easily won the second match from the Cactus five by the score of 32 to 26. Following are the lineups: Y. M. C. A., Thomas, Teague and Evans, forwards; C. Bowman, center; H. Bowman and King, guards; D. Bowman, substitute. Cactus, Hoover and Snyder, forwards; Hunt, center; Hall and Ross, guards. Pointmakers, Y. M. C. A., Thomas, 4; Evans, 3; C. Bowman, 10; D. Bowman, 12. Cactus, Hoover, 4; Snyder, 10; Hall, 4. Referee, Golden.

Bisbee Wins From Alamogordo. A marked improvement was shown in the play of the Alamogordo High school team from its first appearance when it was defeated at the Y. M. C. A. gym this morning by the Bisbee Y. M. C. A. squad by the score of 21 to 6. Following are the lineups: Bisbee, L. C. Daniels, center; E. Yankum and H. Hodgson, guards; J. Champion, R. Veritah and B. Struthers, forwards. Alamogordo, Lee and Saulsbury, forwards; Jackson, center; Keith and Walker, guards. Cactus Club Loses to Las Vegas. The Las Vegas normal squad kept up its winning streak and won from the Cactus club five in the second match at the Y. M. C. A. today by the score of 22 to 19. Following are lineups: Cactus club, R. Hall and D. Hughes, forwards; Snyder, center; Ross and Hunt, guards. Las Vegas, Carl Eller, Clark Kogler and Frontiss White, forwards; Harold Stewart, Octavio Larrazola and Solomon Gallegos, guards. Silver City Wins From Alamogordo. Silver City won from the Alamogordo High school, 52 to 6, in the opening game at the Catholic Athletic association ball Thursday afternoon. Big Springs Y. M. C. A. failed to arrive for the scheduled game with the El Paso team on Friday morning.

Following are the lineups: Silver City, Pennwell and Blackwell, forwards; Williams, center; Crawford and M. Blackwell, guards. Alamogordo, Clayton and Tipton, forwards; Walker, center; Woods and Keith, guards. Pointmakers, Silver City, J. Blackwell, 31; Pennwell, 4; Williams, 6.

Alamogordo Loses to El Paso. Night game—First match, El Paso High school, 22; Alamogordo High school, 6. Lineups, El Paso, Robertson and Kilburn, forwards; Hill, center; Schumacher and Walker, guards; Mee, Bowden, Back and Masters, substitutes. Alamogordo, Lee and Woods, forwards; Jackson, center; Tipton and Clayton, guards. Referee, Bryant. Octavio Larrazola, El Paso, Kilburn, 38; Hill, 14; Schumacher, 4; Walker, 4; Robertson, 2. Referee, Bryant.

Bisbee Beats Silver City. Bisbee Y. M. C. A. won from the Silver City quintet 28 to 5 in the second night game at the Catholic Athletic association.

The lineups were: Bisbee, Benton and Struthers, forwards; Thomas, center; Champion and Maffio, guards. Silver City, M. Blackwell and J. Crawford, forwards; Pennwell, center; Williams and J. Blackwell, guards. Referee, Bryant.

Pointmakers, Bisbee, Struthers, 14; Benton, 6; Thomas, 4; Silver City, J. Blackwell, 2; M. Blackwell, 2.

Soldiers Lose to Y. M. C. A. Outlasting their opponents in basketball work and passing, the crack local Y. M. C. A. quintet walloped the company H basketball squad in a fast game Friday morning at the C. A. A. gymnasium, by the score of 41 to 18.

The Y. M. C. A. used its regular lineup: C. Bowman, center; E. Evans and D. Bowman, forwards; R. Done and L. Thomas, guards. Soldiers, R. Brightson, center; B. Huff and F. Martin, forwards; E. McEachin and F. Daur, guards; H. Rasmussen and B. Downing, substitutes.

R. Bryant officiated as referee in the first half and H. L. Mitchell, of the Y. M. C. A., refereed the last part of the game.

The second scheduled match was not played because of the non-appearance of the Big Springs quintet scheduled to meet the Silver City quintet.

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3B—Heroson, New York.....	18	9	27
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DISCUSSING THE MENUS

Tales Told At the Ringside
By W. A. Pheon

GEORGE Kirwan, whom they called "The Mystery," was the freakiest fighter of 45 years ago. He was a terror in the lightweight class for many days and finally gave up the game on account of locomotor ataxia, not on account of advancing age or failing skill. Crippled for keeps, but still a pleasing, clever talker, Kirwan now lives an easy life, and gets greatest pleasure through visits to the gymnasiums where the younger boxing generation trains.

"I won most of my fights," said Kirwan one afternoon, "because the other fellows trained to the grooves and rigid limitations of the ring, were all at sea when new stuff was pulled upon them. When I galloped from my corner, waving both arms above my head and flailing down on their heads like a maniac armed with a club, they seldom thought about standing, blocking and jabbing. They tried to sidestep, got their feet mixed in doing so, and then were easy victims. I went along that way two or three years, and the only serious reverse I ever met was from Chappie Jones, a fool negro, who was so rattled he didn't even try to dodge. He shot both hands, blindly, as I came roaring out; one fist missed me right on the chin, and it was 20 seconds before I realized what had occurred.

"It was in St. Louis, though, that I got hot medicine, and also discovered that fool actions sometimes cannot conquer fool speech. I was matched with Eddie Connolly, who was a lightweight star of those days, and I figured that I would give Connolly some extra lucuries right off the reel. As he was a tough man, it would be better to scare him early, not give him any chance too learn my style.

"The gang rang, and with a blood curdling scream, I set sail for Connolly, both hands flying. He stepped forward instead of back; he shouldered grimly into me, and as he broke up my attack with a volley of straight lefts, he whispered: 'Does your mother make apple pies?'

"That dazed me. I gave ground, blocked a short hook, and answered, 'yes, but what is it to you?'

"Oh, nothing," grunted Connolly, 'only I prefer pumpkin.' And he slammed me on the ear.

"This aroused me. 'She is great on stewed chickens,' I growled, as I prodded him on the nose. He feinted, sunk his right in my ribs, and yelled, 'turkey is far better.' By this time, Connolly had me hypnotized, had me doing the same foolishness right along with him. I forgot my tricks, my copyrighted style of swinging and mixing, and began to talk eatables with him. Every time he mentioned anything specially good he'd slip a wallop to my jaw. By this time I had thought of something I liked in my bill of fare, he'd be going away, and my punch would fall short. So we went along, round after round, with me getting the worst of it, and the crowd wondering where was the wonderful fighting power I had been touted as possessing.

"In the 17th—we were billed for 20—Connolly bored in, shot a terrific right to my stomach and hissed: 'One thing your mother can't make in comparison to mine—pancakes!' Biff, bang! And I seemed to come to myself all in an instant, as it were. If there was anything my mother could make it was pancakes, and there never were any that could compare with hers. 'You are a liar!' I bellowed. 'People have been known to go 30 miles to eat the pancakes that my mother made—bang, blipp, he-whang! And Connolly, shaken, jolted, all but out, reeled back across the ring. From that time till the finish I held my own, and at every blow I thought of mother's pancakes, and the slight he'd put upon them!"

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Gossip About Sport Stars

Charlie White is in hard training for his second bout with Johnny Dundee, which comes off at New York on February 22. White bested Dundee in a former fight and the New York scrapper is anxious to teach him the black mark, especially as the winner is scheduled to meet Johnny Kilbane.

Joe Mandot, the New Orleans lightweight, has lost the services of his manager, Fred Higgins, who has just recovered from illness that made him postpone the bout with Tommy Murphy. Coleman retired on account of being unable to handle his father's business.

Tommy Gavigan, the Cleveland middleweight, who recently cut points of Howard Morrow, has received offers from the Paris, France, promoters for three bouts. Gavigan intends to sail for France on April 12. He is at present scheduled to meet George Chip at New York on Feb. 24, and will later take on Freddie Hicks during the middle of March.

Jim Savage, the New Jersey heavyweight, has signed to meet Jess Willard in a 10 round bout at New Orleans on March 2. Savage says that he will not quit the bout, as he did in his last match.

When the Cubs piled from the cars at Tampa, Florida, manager Evers lined the players up and stated that one club's last day was sufficient for each man in the camp. Evers reminded the veterans on the team that he would expect many of the lines laid down by former manager Chance, and for the youngsters to learn by watching the old timers.

Only one ball player in a hundred runs properly, and the average player could cut a half second off his time from the plate to first base by a change in style of running, according to George Hoskins, trainer of the Cincinnati Reds, who trained track athletes for years at Bucknell university and for the Pittsburgh Athletic club.

Johnny Kilbane passed up a New York match with Patsy Kline, explaining that "Kline won't fight; he only comes rushing in and says he knows all about Kline. He fought Kline before, and Kline happened to land one. The memory of that swat still remains with Kilbane. So Patsy isn't on the lemon list."

Joe Tinker, manager of the Cincinnati National league baseball team, narrowly escaped serious injury in an accident in which his automobile was wrecked. Tinker's car had both front wheels torn off and the steering gear smashed when he crashed into the curb.

Stanislaus Zhyso, the Polish wrestler, has hit himself a hard take for next Monday night in Chicago, when he will take on Constant LaMarin and Raymond Casseau the same night. He has agreed to win, and his shoulder to the mat in one hour, or forfeit the purse.

President Navin has notified the four Tiger holdouts, Cobb, Crawford, Dube and Stange, that they need not report for the spring training trip unless they have signed their contracts, and that if they try to carry through on the bluff and report without condition, as Bush did last year, they will have to take the consequences—which means suspension without pay until they get into condition.

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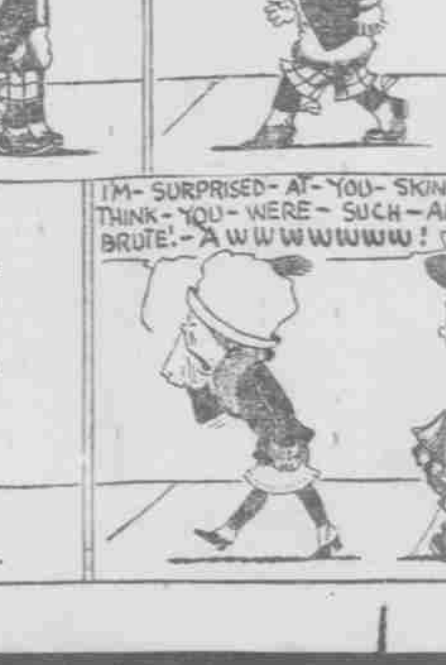
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